

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shinji TOKUNAGA et al.**

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Examiner: **Rip A. Lee**

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THE SAME**

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008, in which the Examiner set forth a three-month period for response. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before June 22, 2008.

A Request for Continued Examination is concurrently filed herewith.

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